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2 September 1970

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SUBJECT: Corn Blight (Domestic) Crisis &

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being used to collect against the severe corn blight crisis. Two areas out of 21 designated were covered and a DP sent to Reston Mon. A.M. 8/31/70 for inspection by NASA & Agric. Most or all of a total of the 21 areas will be covered [redacted] sent to Reston.

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Sketchy information indicates that [redacted]

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[redacted] arranged

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with [redacted] of OST (Exec. Off. Pres.) to collect against the 21 areas. I became involved when [redacted] (Agric.) called, said he had delineated the areas & given them to [redacted] and wondered 'what's happened'.

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I got together with Otto Guthe, ran the action down & found no arrangements to read-out had been laid on. We picked up the ball & coordinated NRO et al (Reston, Agric, EK, and [redacted] when he was later available) as well as couriering the DP by NPIC.

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[redacted] reportedly is part of a package of effort. Reportedly the U-2s are covering as well as lower altitude coverage by Purdue University. Some comparative work may be in order.

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We should know something of results when the 2nd bucket<sup>is</sup> in & Agric/NASA are ready to report to ARGO on Sept. 29th. (The blight is reported as very serious in economic terms - Corn has risen in price & livestock food is threatened - Next year's seed has been reported as flown to Hawaii for safekeeping from the blight).

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[redacted]  
P.S. Separate ARGO Subject: *to prepare for disasters* After all the OEP (Office of Emergency Preparation, Exec. Office of the President) effort with the help of other agencies, I understand that Corpus Christi was covered well 2 weeks before disaster & One or two days later. Further, the film (reported of good quality) is available at Reston & OEP has not looked at<sup>it</sup> nor used its Disaster arrangements for utilizing the data.

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*after the disaster*

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